

### Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel for surface drainage, ~~in particular in the region of streets and other public areas,~~ defining a channel compartment and comprising an elongate molded body (10), ~~in particular made of concrete polymer, with~~ defining an upper surface (11) over which vehicles can travel and which itself defines ~~comprises~~ inlet openings (20) that open into said a channel compartment (30), side walls (12, 13) ~~and,~~ a floor (14), and end faces (15, 16) adapted for connection to ~~which can be connected~~ additional drainage channels, catch pits or similar drainage installations; such that the channel compartment is defined by (30) ~~comprises adjoining boundary surfaces, in particular~~ a ceiling boundary surface (31) nearest said the upper surface (11), side boundary surfaces (32, 33) and a base boundary surface (34), ~~characterized in that the~~ said ceiling boundary surface being (31) ~~is constructed so as to be~~ parallel to said the upper surface (11) and at least one side boundary surface (32, 33) and at least one of said ~~the~~ base boundary surface (34) ~~or and said~~ the ceiling boundary surface (31) ~~are constructed to produce~~ defining a conical tapering of said the channel compartment (30) in a the direction from one of said end faces (15, 16) to said the other end face.
2. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that the~~ said inlet openings (20) ~~are constructed so as to~~ taper conically from said the upper surface (11) to said the channel compartment (30).
3. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ said inlet openings at least on their marginal side are defined by ~~the inlet openings (20, 20') comprise~~ edges (21, 21') that extend substantially linearly in a the long direction of the channel.

4. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein said side walls define ~~characterized in that~~ lateral inlet openings (23) ~~are provided in the side walls (12, 13),~~ which open into the inlet openings (20, 20') on a ~~the~~ marginal side.
5. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 4, wherein said ~~characterized in that~~ lateral inlet openings (23) ~~are constructed so as to~~ taper toward said the channel compartment (30).
6. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ at the end faces (15, 16) sealing junctions (17) are provided at said end faces that are adapted to ~~can be filled with a~~ sealing material (18).
7. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to ~~one of the preceding claims, in particular according to~~ Claim 6, wherein said ~~characterized in that~~ at the end faces (15, 16) ~~there are provided~~ define end-face inlet openings (25, 25') that open into said end faces.
8. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 7, wherein said ~~characterized in that~~ the end-face inlet openings (25, 25') are constructed so such that by means of which said the sealing junctions (17) ~~can be accessed~~ are accessible for at least one of entry by an injection tool for the injection of said ~~injecting the~~ sealing material (18) ~~and/or are accessible~~ for observing this procedure.
9. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the ceiling boundary surface (31) is provided with at least one of a reinforcing material and a ~~or~~ filter fabric ~~or similar sheet of material~~ (27).
10. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the upper surface (11) comprises elevated sections (19, 19') at its edge.

11. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 10, wherein said ~~characterized in that the~~ elevated sections comprise ~~are constructed as~~ continuous marginal strips (19, 19') outside said ~~the~~ inlet openings (20, 20'; 25).
12. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for manufacturing a drainage channel, comprising  
a molding box defining (40) ~~that comprises~~ at least a floor (41) and side walls (45, 46);  
at least one core (42) ~~that can~~ adapted to be pulled out of said ~~the~~ molding box (40) and adapted ~~is used to form a channel compartment, the~~ that defines a cross section of which tapers conically along its long direction and which is defined by ~~comprises~~ a planar bottom surface (43) that extends parallel to said ~~the~~ floor (41), and  
a set of ~~in particular equally long~~ cores (44) adapted to form inlet openings, ~~which are constructed and~~ to taper conically as they extend from said ~~the~~ floor (41) to said at least one ~~the~~ core (42).
13. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said at least one ~~characterized in that the~~ core (42) ~~comprises~~ defines a planar lower surface (43) that extends parallel to said ~~the~~ floor (41).
14. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim ~~one of the claims 11 or 12~~, wherein ~~said~~ ~~characterized in that the~~ set of cores (44) is fixedly attached to said ~~the~~ floor (41).
15. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim ~~one of the claims 12-14~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least two of said set of long ~~some of the~~ cores (44) ~~provided to form inlet openings~~ comprise in their interior movable press-out rods, which can be moved so that after the drainage channel has partially hardened, said ~~the~~ press-out rods can be used to lift it away from said set of long ~~the~~ cores (44).